Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for recording still picture data of N still pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still picture group management information for managing N still picture data of said N still pictures as a still picture group, onto a storage medium, where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information includes time information and is provided separately from any still picture management information containing management information for each still picture, and said time information of said still picture group management information includes only a first recording time at which the still picture data of an earliest-photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded first by a picture-taking device, and a last recording time at which the still picture data of a latest-photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded last by the picture-taking device, said method comprising:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of a still picture, with said first recording time stored in said still picture group management information corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is earlier than said first recording time, replacing the content of said first recording time by said recording time and performing recording thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, comprising:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of said still picture, with

said last recording times stored in said still picture group management information

corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is later than said last recording time, replacing the

content of said last recording time by said recording time and performing recording

thereof.

3. and 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium

storing thereon a program for controlling a computer to record still picture data of N

still pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still picture

group management information for managing N still picture data of said N still

pictures as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where N is an integer

number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management

information includes time information and is provided separately from any still picture

management information containing management information for each still picture,

and said time information of said still picture group management information includes

only a first recording time at which the still picture data of an earliest-photographed

still picture in said still picture group was recorded first by a picture-taking device,

and a last recording time at which the still picture data of a latest-photographed still

picture in said still picture group was recorded last by the picture-taking device, said

program comprising operations for:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of a still picture, with said

first recording time stored in said still picture group management information

corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is earlier than said first recording time, replacing the

content of said first recording time by said recording time and performing recording

thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium

according to claim 5, wherein said program comprises operations for:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of said still picture, with

said last recording times stored in said still picture group management information

corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is later than said last recording time, replacing the

content of said last recording time by said recording time and performing recording

thereof.

7. (Previously Presented) A method of recording still picture data of N still

pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still picture group

management information for managing and N still picture data of said N still pictures

as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where said N is an integer number

equal to or greater than one, wherein said still picture group management

information includes time information and is provided separately from any still picture

management information containing management information for each still picture,

said method comprising:

recording, as said time information of said still picture group management

information, only a first recording time at which the still picture data of an earliest-

photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded first by a picture-

taking device, and a last recording time at which the still picture data of a latest-

photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded last by the picture-

taking device.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said

storage medium is an optical disk, and where said method comprising recording said

still picture data of said N still pictures and said recording still picture group

management information in the optical disk using an optical recording device.

9. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium

according to claim 5, wherein said storage medium is an optical disk, and where said

program comprising an operation for recording said still picture data of said N still

pictures and said recording still picture group management information in the optical

disk using an optical recording device.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein said

storage medium is an optical disk, and where said method comprising recording said

still picture data of said N still pictures and said recording still picture group

management information in the optical disk using an optical recording device.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, where N is an integer number larger than one.

12. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium according to claim 5, where N is an integer number larger than one.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, where N is an integer number larger than one.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for recording still picture data of N still pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still picture group management information for managing N still picture data of said N still pictures as a still picture group, onto a storage medium, where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information is provided separately from any still picture management information containing management information for each still picture, and said still picture group management information includes a recording time data which specify the recording times, all of the recording times in said still picture group management information consist of either a first recording time at which the still picture data of an earliest-photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded first by a picture-taking device, and a last recording time at which the still picture data of a latest-photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded last by the picture-taking device, said method comprising:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of a still picture, with said

first recording time stored in said still picture group management information

corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is earlier than said first recording time, replacing the

content of said first recording time by said recording time and performing recording

thereof.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, comprising:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of said still picture, with

said last recording times stored in said still picture group management information

corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is later than said last recording time, replacing the

content of said last recording time by said recording time and performing recording

thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage

medium storing thereon a program for controlling a computer to record still picture

data of N still pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still

picture group management information for managing N still picture data of said N still

pictures as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where N is an integer

number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management

information is provided separately from any still picture management information

containing management information for each still picture, and said still picture group

management information includes

a recording time data which specify the recording times, all of the recording times in

said still picture group management information consist of ~~either~~ a first recording

time at which the still picture data of an earliest-photographed still picture in said still

picture group was recorded first by a picture-taking device, and a last recording time

at which the still picture data of a latest-photographed still picture in said still picture

group was recorded last by the picture-taking device, said program comprising

operations for:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of a still picture, with said

first recording time stored in said still picture group management information

corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is earlier than said first recording time, replacing the

content of said first recording time by said recording time and performing recording

thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) A <u>non-transitory</u> computer-readable storage medium

according to claim 16, wherein said program comprises operations for:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of said still picture, with

said last recording times stored in said still picture group management information

corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is later than said last recording time, replacing the

content of said last recording time by said recording time and performing recording

thereof.

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18. (Currently Amended) A method of recording still picture data of N still

pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still picture group

management information for managing and N still picture data of said N still pictures

as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where said N is an integer number

equal to or greater than one, wherein said still picture group management

information is provided separately from any still picture management information

containing management information for each still picture, said method comprising:

recording, as part of said still picture group management information, a

recording time data which specify the recording times, all of the recording times in

said still picture group management information consist of ~~either~~ a first recording

time at which the still picture data of an earliest-photographed still picture in said still

picture group was recorded first by a picture-taking device, and a last recording time

at which the still picture data of a latest-photographed still picture in said still picture

group was recorded last by the picture-taking device.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein said

storage medium is an optical disk, and where said method comprising recording said

still picture data of said N still pictures and said recording still picture group

management information in the optical disk using an optical recording device.

20. (Currently Amended) A <u>non-transitory</u> computer-readable storage

medium according to claim 16, wherein said storage medium is an optical disk, and

where said program comprising an operation for recording said still picture data of

said N still pictures and said recording still picture group management information in

the optical disk using an optical recording device.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18, wherein said

storage medium is an optical disk, and where said method comprising recording said

still picture data of said N still pictures and said recording still picture group

management information in the optical disk using an optical recording device.

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, where N is an

integer number larger than one.

23. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage

medium according to claim 16, where N is an integer number larger than one.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18, where N is an

integer number larger than one.